

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's Report of August 8, 2007, a response to which is due by November 8, 2007. No additional claims have been added by way of this amendment. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that no extension of time or excess claim fees fall due as a result of submission. If the Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary fees from our Deposit Account No. 13-2400 in this and future replies.

In the Office Action of November 8, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 13-15, 22, 23, 26-28, 35, 36, 39, 40, 45, 46, and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rosen et al. Claims 3-6, 16-19, 29-32, and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Rosen in view of Tomizawa. Claims 7, 8, 20, 21, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious having regard to Rosen, in view of Tomizawa, in further view of Brisky. The Examiner indicated that claims 11, 12, 24, 25, 37, 38, 47, and 48 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

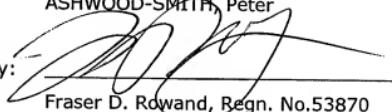
While the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections, to expedite allowance of the present application, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, 27 and 40 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 11, 24, 37, and 47, respectively, together with the subject matter of any intervening claims. Dependent claims 10, 11, 23, 24, 36, 37, 46, and 47 have been cancelled. As a result, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claims 1, 14, 27, and 40 are now in condition for allowance. Timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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